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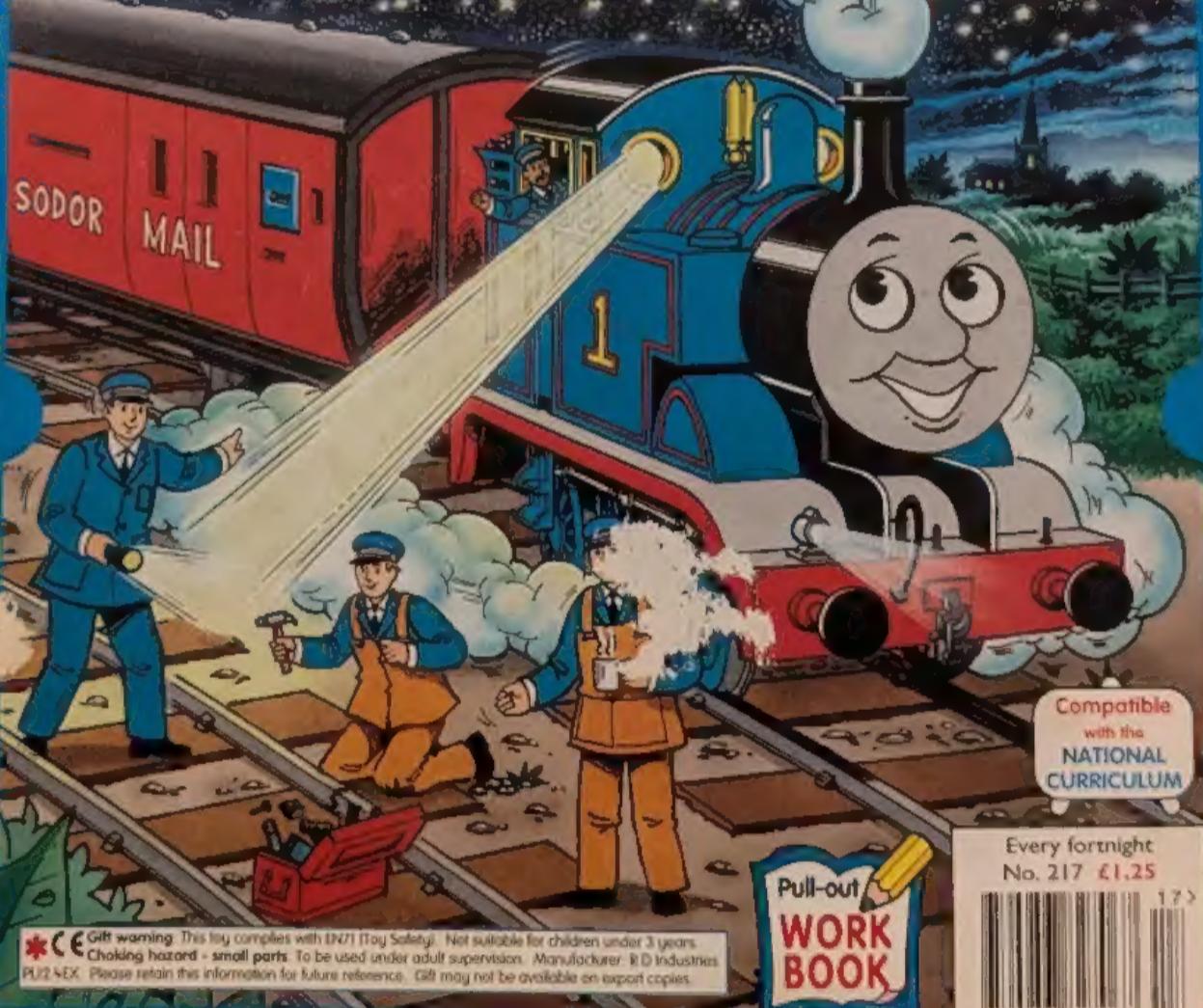
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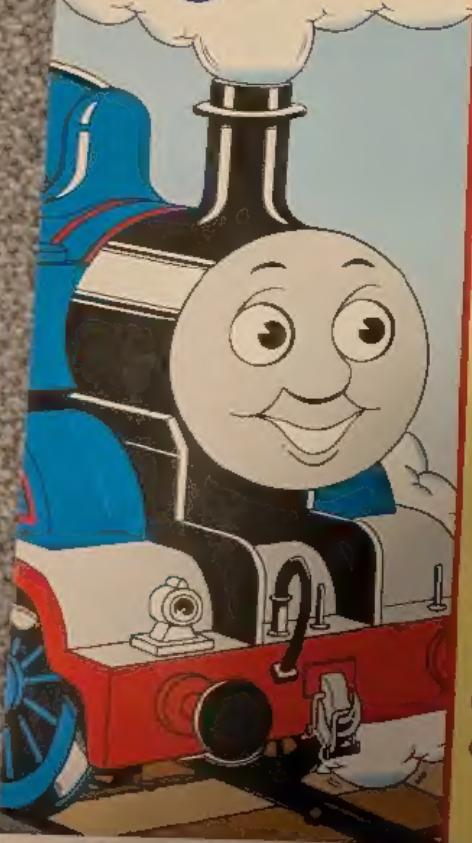
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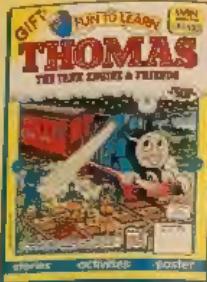
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## This issue is all about...

# Night time



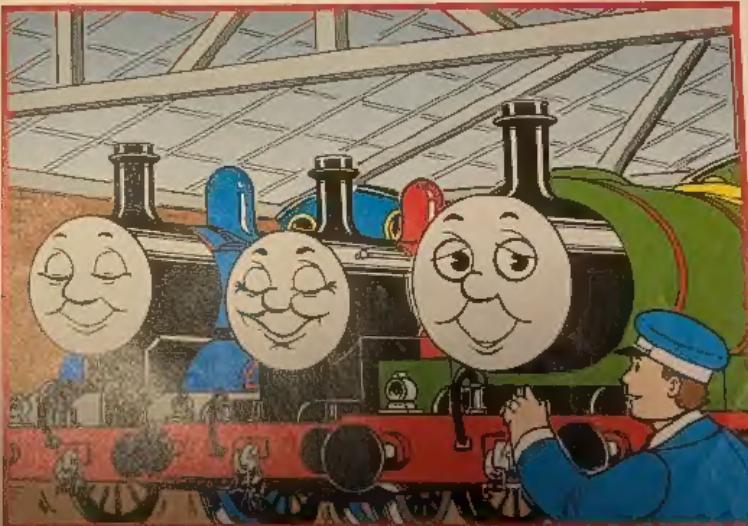
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*farewell from the Fat Controller*

## A read aloud story

# THE MILK TRAIN



I Percy puffed into the engine shed early one evening. "Have we finished work already?" he asked his driver. "That's right, Percy," his driver replied. "We must all get to sleep early as we have to get up in the night to pull the milk train."

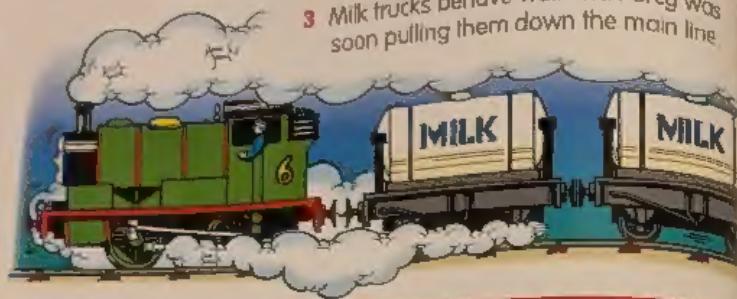
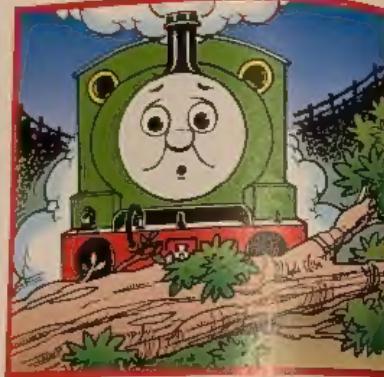


**2** Percy's driver came to wake him in the night. It was very dark and Percy did not want to wake up but his driver said, "Come on, Percy. If we don't pull this train tonight, the children will not have any milk for their breakfast in the morning." This made Percy wake up and get to work.



5 Percy's fireman ran to a signal box and the signalman made lots of telephone calls. Percy waited in front of the tree for what seemed like a very long time. It was a dark night and he was glad his driver was with him.

4 Suddenly he saw a dark shape in front of him. "Stop! Stop!" he shouted. His driver applied the brakes and Percy steamed to a stop in front of a big tree which had blown down from an embankment. "Now what shall we do?" asked Percy. "If we cannot get past, the children will have no milk in the morning."



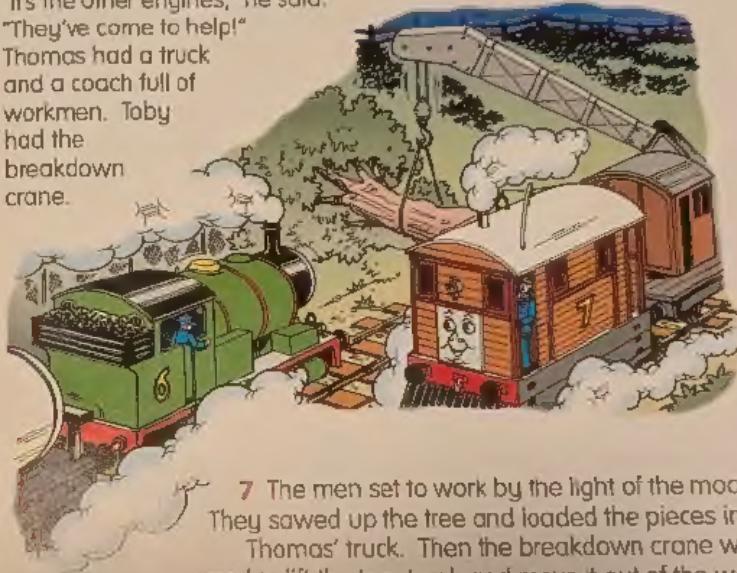
3 Milk trucks behave well and Percy was soon pulling them down the main line

6 At last he heard engines' whistles!

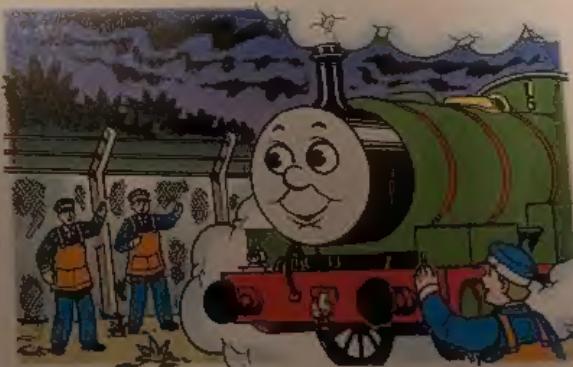
"It's the other engines," he said.

"They've come to help!"

Thomas had a truck and a coach full of workmen. Toby had the breakdown crane.



7 The men set to work by the light of the moon. They sawed up the tree and loaded the pieces into Thomas' truck. Then the breakdown crane was used to lift the tree trunk and move it out of the way.



# COUNTING TIME

Here are some of the things that can be seen at night on the Fat Controller's Railway.



3  
mail trucks



4  
milk trucks



2  
sleeper coaches



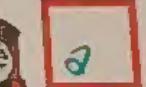
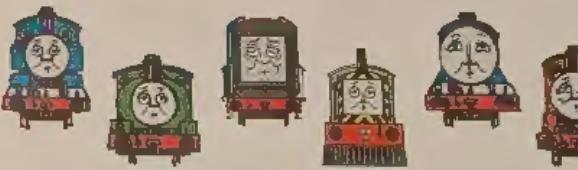
1  
maintenance train



7  
engines' headlamps



2  
guards' torches



8  
sleepy engines

How many stars can the Fat Controller see?



Draw 3 more.

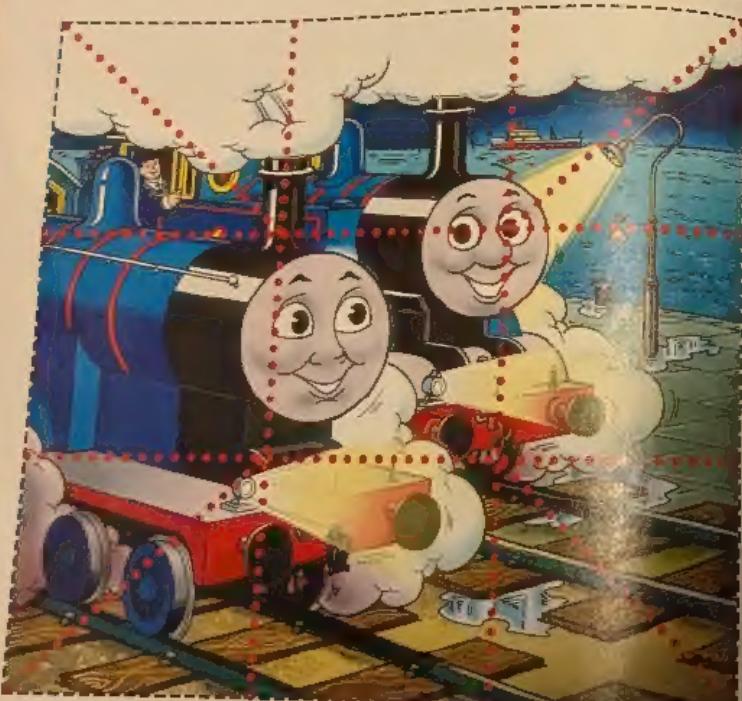
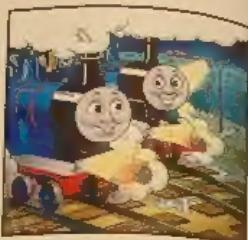
How many stars are there altogether?



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

## MAKE A JIGSAW

When you have finished reading your magazine, remove this page and mount it on card. Ask an adult to help you cut out the pieces along the dotted lines. Put the jigsaw together again, using the small picture to help.



## COMPETITION

# Win

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## ENGINES AT NIGHT



Thomas and Percy are very cross at being woken up in the middle of the night. "Hurry up," says Harold. "Something very exciting is about to happen down at the harbour!"

Point to Harold the helicopter.



This is the harbour at night time. It looks very quiet.

Can you see the moon in the sky?

yes

(Click the box with the correct answer)

no

Down at the harbour Percy and Duck are getting very excited. "Something is being delivered from that boat," sings Percy.

What colour is Percy?

red

(Click the box with the correct answer)

green



What a splendid surprise! The Chinese Dragon is being carefully lifted off the boat, to join Thomas and his friends.

How many guards can you count?



What number engine is Thomas?



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**Pav/d**

My name is ..... Age **2**

**match**

Draw lines to match each engine to its partner.

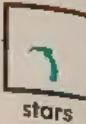
Draw a circle round the odd one out.

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Write the numbers in the boxes.

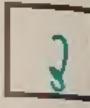
count



stars



moon



owls



bats



badgers

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



colour

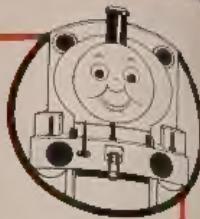


P is for **Percy**

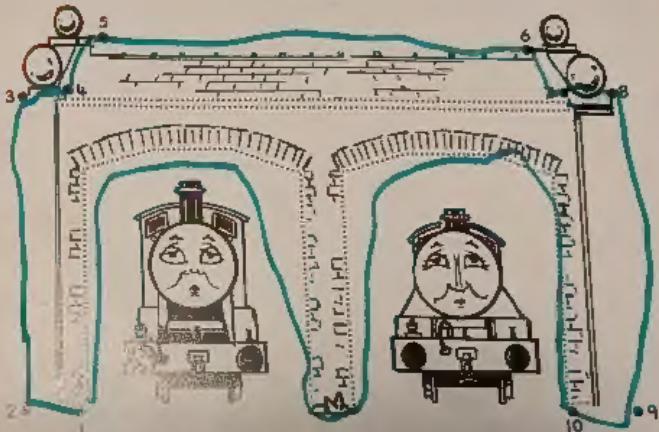
(Write over the letters, starting at the dots)



Draw Percy in the space.



Join the dots to find out where the tired engines go to sleep at night.



Then go over the dots without numbers to finish the picture.

**Shshshsh!**

(Write over the letters, starting at the dots)



## Working at Night

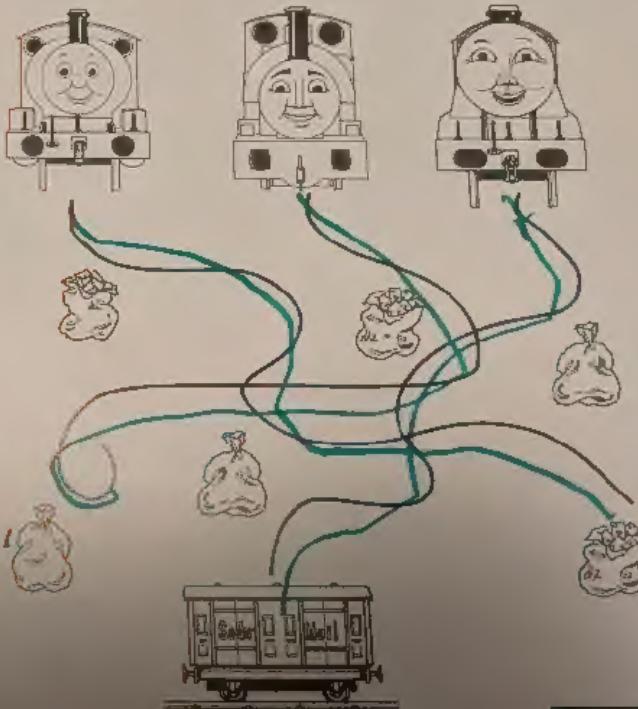
Stations are closed, no people in sight,  
But a railway is still very busy at night.  
Heavy freight trains, trains bringing the mail,  
And passengers sleep as they travel by rail.  
No stopping at stations means trains can go fast,  
All through the night until morning, at last.



Draw a circle  
round the truck  
that carries the  
mail at night.



Follow the lines to find out which engine will pull the Sodor mail coach tonight.

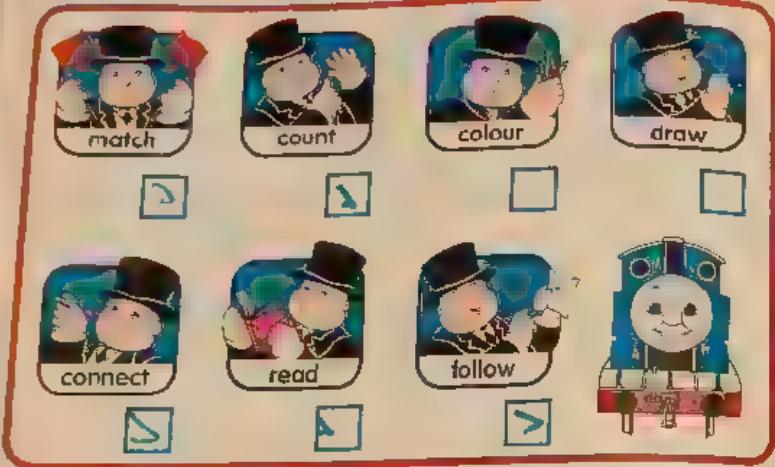


How many **sacks of post** can you see?

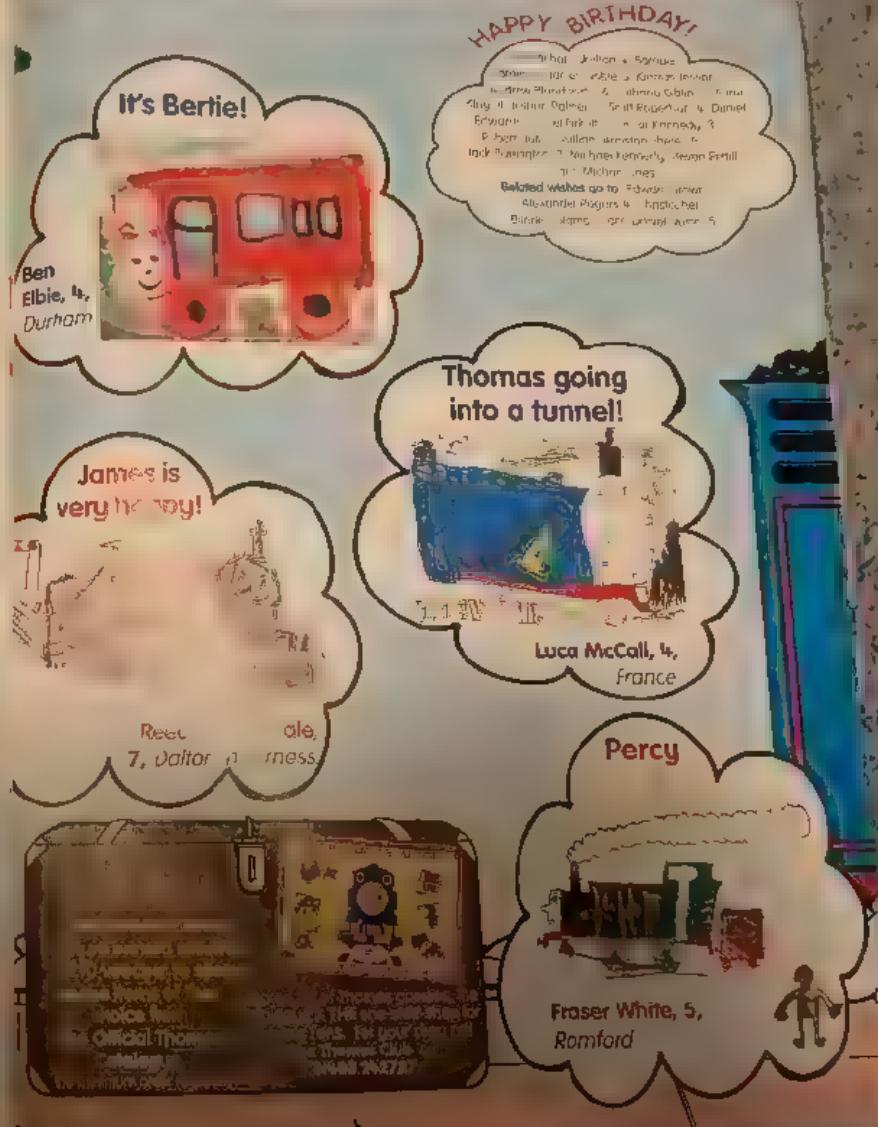


## CHECK LIST

Put a tick  in the boxes by the pages you have done



# THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE





This fine old Saddle Tank, was built in Sheffield. It is hauling a train load of coal on the night shift at the Clipstone Colliery in Nottinghamshire.

**Point to the coal trucks.**



## NIGHT WORK



The Fat Controller's engines work hard at night as well as by day.



Sometimes Gordon pulls the night sleeper express.



Edward pulls heavy goods trains.



And Thomas pulls a special train for the maintenance crew.



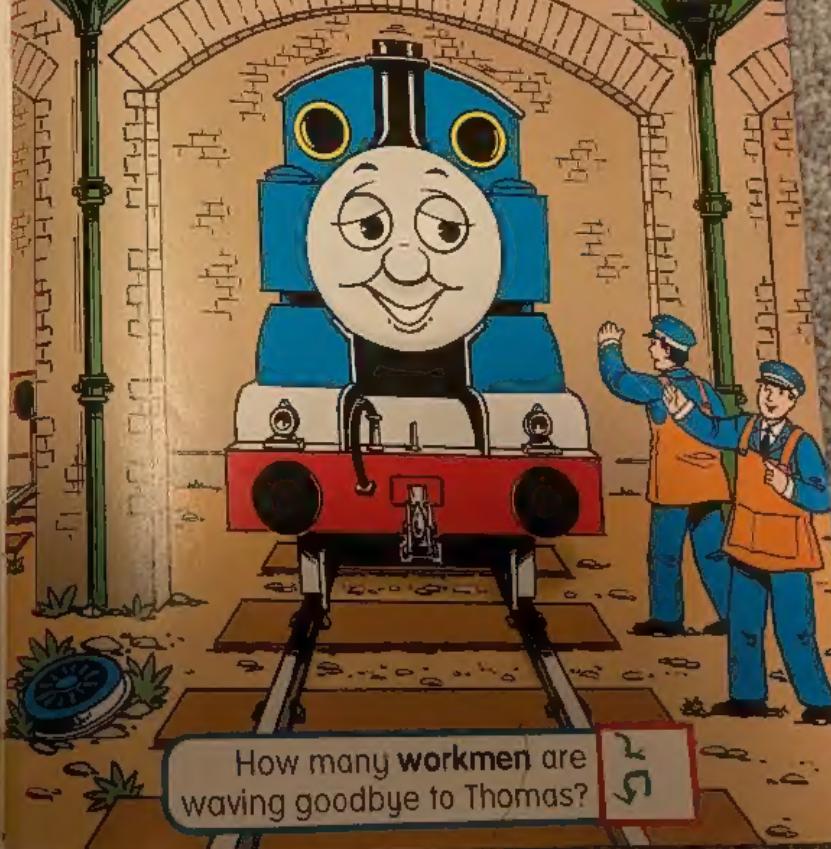
The maintenance train has a crane, a tool truck and a coach for the crew.



The crew work hard all night, to keep the lines running smoothly.



By morning, Thomas is ready to sleep. He has worked hard all night long!

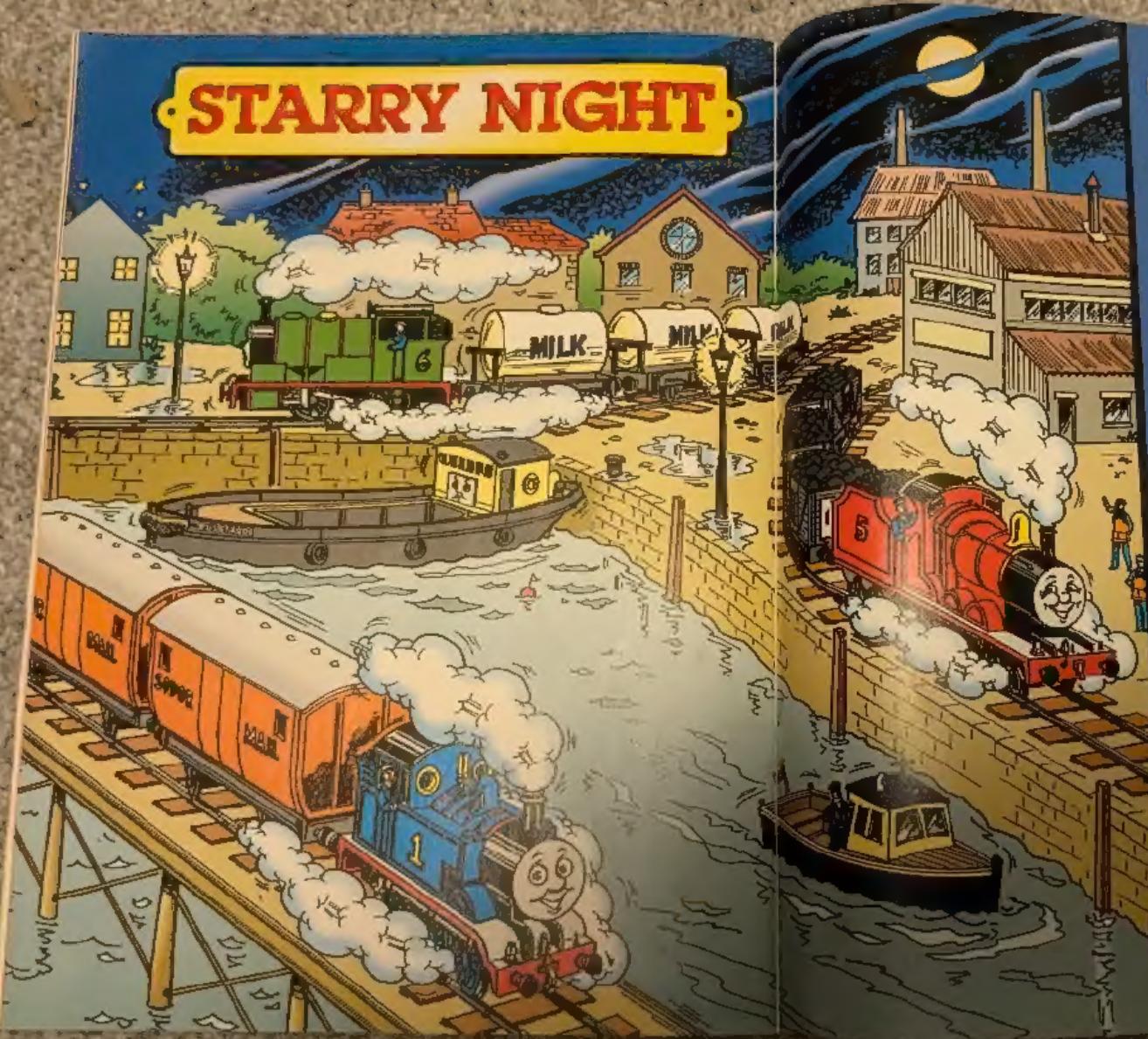


How many workmen are waving goodbye to Thomas?

2 3



# STARRY NIGHT



It's a lovely starry night on the Island of Sodor. Look carefully at the picture and answer the questions below.

- ★ Is James in the picture? Yes  No
- ★ What colour are the stars in the sky?
- ★ What is Thomas doing in the picture?
- ★ Point to Bulstrode the Barge.
- ★ How many milk trucks can you count? 3

You may use your gold and silver stars to make the night sky twinkle!

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